

EXPANSION DEVICE CONNECTED TO INFORMATION DEVICE TO
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An expansion device connected to a host device to
thereby expand the functions thereof. Even when source
power is not supplied from the host device, this
expansion device, such as a bay unit, enables
reproduction of an audio disk inserted therein. The
bay unit used by being connected to the host device, in a
15 state in which a recording/reproducing device capable of
reproducing digital signals and audio signals is
accommodated in a bay, has an operation panel for
operating the recording/reproducing device, an audio
circuit, which includes an amplifying circuit, a speaker,
20 and a volume control, and a second power input portion to
be connected to an existing power supply circuit.
Further, source power is supplied thereto from the second
power input portion. This enables the
recording/reproducing device and the audio circuit to
25 operate even when no source power is supplied from the
existing power supply circuit, for example, when the
power supply for the host device is turned off, and when
the bay unit is disconnected from the host device. A
battery incorporated in the bay unit may be connected to
30 the second power input portion.